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SUBJECT: SOVIET NON-PAPER ON NEW WEAPONS OF MASS
DESTRUCTION

REF: GENEVA 1434

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HARTMAN ON FEB 10 BY MINISTER-COUNSELOR VORONTSOV OF
SOVIET EMBASSY: BEGIN TEXT.

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AND NEW SYSTEMS OF SUCH WEAPONS. THE URGENT NATURE OF
THIS TASK IS DETERMINED BY THE FACT THAT UP TO NOW THERE

ARE NO LIMITATIONS WHATSOEVER IN THIS FIELD.

QUOTE RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS PROBLEM WAS EVIDENCED IN THE ADOPTION BY THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF STATES AT THE 31ST SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF A RESOLUTION IN WHICH THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT WAS REQUESTED TO CONTINUE THE NEGOTIATIONS, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF QUALIFIED GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS, TO WORK OUT THE TEXT OF AN APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT.

QUOTE

THE DISCUSSION OF THIS QUESTION IN THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT IN 1976, IN THE OPINION OF THE SOVIET SIDE, WAS USEFUL. IT CONTRIBUTED TO THE CLARIFICATION OF SOME ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM OF PROHIBITING NEW TYPES AND SYSTEMS OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION. A NUMBER OF CONSTRUCTIVE CONSIDERATIONS WAS PUT FORWARD CONCERNING THE WAYS OF SOLVING THIS PROBLEM. GRATIFYING IS THE FACT THAT ALONG WITH THE SOVIET EXPERTS HIGHLY QUALIFIED EXPERTS OF OTHER COUNTRIES WERE PARTICIPATING IN THE DISCUSSION.

QUOTE THE SOVIET UNION INTENDS TO CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT ON THE PROHIBITION OF NEW TYPES AND SYSTEMS OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION.

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QUOTE THE SOVIET SIDE WOULD HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES,

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